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PROCLAMATION

Black History Month in the City of St. Charles

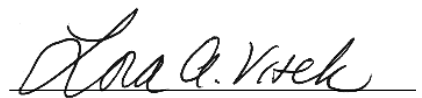
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month is an opportunity for the people of St. Charles to come together in the spirit of understanding and acknowledge that embracing our differences makes our city stronger as we work together for the benefit of all; and
- WHEREAS,** the origins of Black History Month date back to 1915 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the organization known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history; and
- WHEREAS,** observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of African American History and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month also celebrates the achievements and contributions that African Americans have made in shaping our society, our country and our local communities including the City of St. Charles; and
- WHEREAS,** to participate in observing Black History Month, the City of St. Charles community may visit www.asalh.org to learn more about the origins of the event and African American history.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lora Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim
February 2023 as

Black History Month

in the City of St. Charles and encourage everyone to observe this month by acknowledging the history and challenges faced by African Americans, and paying tribute to this community for its strength, perseverance, character, and contributions, all of which enrich our lives.




Lora A. Vitek, Mayor